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1. U.S. to take active role in Shanghai Expo 2010

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Franklin L. Lavin, U.S. Under Secretary for International Trade, U.S. Department of Commerce, said on his visit to Shanghai on July 26 that the U.S. would take an active interest in the Shanghai Expo 2010.

Lavin said the Shanghai Expo would present a good opportunity for the Chinese and American people to get a better understanding of each other. "Many Americans are interested in China but have not had the opportunity to visit. In this sense, the Shanghai Expo provides a key chance to promote the influence of China in the US.", Lavin is quoted as saying.

According to Lavin, the Shanghai World Expo will have a profound influence on China's economy and society. He said the U.S. would like to hold further discussions on how the U.S. can work with China to ensure a successful expo.

By July 25, Fifty five countries and international organizations had confirmed their participation in the Shanghai Expo, including twenty from Africa, three from Americas,





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nine from Europe, 18 from Asia and Oceania and five international organizations.

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2. Three-year road project for Expo kicks off

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A 3-year road project was launched by the Shanghai Municipal Engineering Administration Bureau to address some serious traffic issues. Completion is planned for the end of 2009.

The project comprises of a series of measures to improve road condition in the city including, reconstructing bad roads, specifying technical standards of shaft well covers, and clearing away obstacles on sidewalks. The project covers roads in major downtown and scenic areas, including those near the Expo Park.

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3. Designs sought for Expo center

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The city government said it was soliciting architectural designs for an entertainment and performance center for the Shanghai Expo 2010. Beginning July 16, organizations or individuals from all over the world could submit designs or get more information by writing to 2010expoper@eastday.com.

Those whose ideas are adopted will be given a cash award of up to 1 million yuan (US\$125,000), according to the Shanghai World Expo Coordination Bureau. The new center is planned for construction in the southern bank of the Huangpu River.





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The Center will mainly be used to host theatrical performances, celebration ceremonies, arts exhibitions and academic exchanges during the Shanghai Expo 2010 from May to October.

The center is expected to occupy nearly 80,000 square meters, and the performance hall is expected to seat 3,500.

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4. New construction plan approved for Waigaoqiao area *World Expo 2010 Shanghai China Online 2006-7-12*

The detailed construction plan to turn the Waigaoqiao area in Pudong District into an environmentally-friendly new town was approved on July 11. Implementation will start by the end of this year.

The planned 14.05-square-kilometer new town, enclosed by the Jinqiao Export Processing Zone and Waigaoqiao Free Trade Zone, will include a multi-functional public center, administrative offices, business, entertainment and educational facilities.

A 5.74-square-kilometer green space will also be developed by 2008.

Two lakes will be constructed in the green space to link it to the Huangpu and the Yangtze Rivers.

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5. New Expo HQ Site

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The Shanghai World Expo Coordination Bureau announced on June 29th that a newly renovated textile factory would become the headquarters and administration center for the Shanghai Expo 2010. During the Expo, from May to October 2010, the renovated factory will house the administration center and provide services for Expo participants.

The new office building, named Expo Mansion, is located on 3588 Pudong Road S. near Dongfang Road, just outside of the Expo's enclosed area.

The Expo Mansion has 12 stories and a rooftop platform where people can overlook the entire Expo site. Two monitors are installed on the platform to give organizers a complete overview of expo construction projects.

Overall, the city has preserved over 20 historical factories and industrial buildings within the Expo site, taking up a total area of 400,000 square meters.

The old sites will be transformed into exhibition buildings and public activity venues for the Expo.

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